

REMARKS

The Office Action of October 5, 2006, has been carefully reviewed, and in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments made in the Amendment After Final, and as set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Uchino et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,001,068) in view of *Ishida et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,328,822) should be withdrawn.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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